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Families Tradition Project

Please open up a word document and answer the following in word:

Why is Family Important? Elaborate on this for at least a complete paragraph (3 – 5 sentences).

**Then Write about...**

**Family Stories**—write about two stories that have been passed down in your family. These can be about your immediate family or may be about one of your relatives. Some topics might include: Why My Relatives Came to America, unusual Things that Have Happened in My Family, or Favorite Family Story. These are only suggestions to guide you. You may choose your own topic.

**Family Recipes**---Copy at least two special recipes that have been passed down in your family. Perhaps your grandma bakes special bread, or your great uncle has an irresistible recipe for pizza. Be prepared to share one of these special “goodies” on the last day of our unit when we have our celebration.

### **Family Memorabilia**

Your Task:

Make a list of special items that are being passed down from generation to generation in your family. Include a small illustration of each item listed. On our celebration day I hope that you will be able to bring one of these special items to show to the class. We will all share the history of the items that we bring for this special day.

### **A Person of Special Importance**

Your Task:

Write a story about or describe a person of importance to you. This could be a parent, grandparent, personal or family friend. Include in your description or story why this person is so important. It at all possible, include a picture of this person.

### **Family Tree or Genogram**

**ASSIGNMENT:**

Make a Genogram chart or diagram.

- a. Each family member is represented by a box or circle. The boxes represent males and the circles, females.

- b. It is helpful to include names and years of birth. It is best to put the names and year of birth below the box or circle.
- c. If just one year is shown, it is the birth year and means the person was still living at the time the genogram was made.
- d. The children are arranged with the oldest child on the left and youngest child on the right.
- e. Families are seldom very simple. They usually have a number of complications that can occur.
- f. Genograms charts can sometimes give us insights about what is happening in the lives of individuals and families; potentially help us find ways to help with and adjust too many of life's challenges.

### **Family Chronology**

Come up with the following:

- a. A chronological listing of major events experienced in a family.
- b. A family chronology should include both fortunate and unfortunate events.
- c. These events could include: graduations, serious illnesses, moves, changes in careers, changes in family composition (a grandparent moving in, periods of drinking or other substance-abuse problems, runaways, Special honors or awards, absence of a parent for an extended period of time, times of financial affluence or difficulty, accidents, and celebrations would all be important events if they were to occur in families, and they should be included.
- d. Your family chronology must include events your immediate family (parents, siblings, self). You can earn extra credit by including another generation.

### **Description of a Family Tradition**

#### **Your Task:**

Describe your favorite tradition in your family or one you've heard about. Tell how this tradition was started. How often does the family participate in this tradition? Who might participate (immediate or extended family)? The purpose of the tradition does it serve the family. Any suggestions about how the tradition can be improved. Any other important antidotes about the tradition you have chosen.

## **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Your Task:

Include a description of yourself on this page. You should include your first and last name, your age, the city where you live, what your hobbies are, and perhaps what your plans for the future include. Add anything else you feel would be important. You may include a photograph of yourself on this page.